

2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Minutes

Date: April, 12, 2026

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Attendees: 17 members + 2 guests

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President upon confirmation of quorum.

2. President's Report

The President reported a highly successful year for the class, highlighting:

- Record membership levels
- Record participation at the World Championship
- Strong competitive results internationally
- A successful Can-Am series

The President expressed appreciation to:

- Fleet Captains for driving local engagement and growth
- Tyler for reestablishing organizational infrastructure (nonprofit status, banking, governance documentation)
- Andrew for coordinating international regatta logistics

The class is considered to be in its strongest position to date.

3. Approval of Prior Minutes

Prior meeting minutes were previously approved by class officers and will be distributed to members for reference.

4. Financial and Secretary Report (Tyler)

Financial Overview

- The organization remains in a strong financial position
- Key improvements include:
 - Reduction in insurance costs (~\$2,000 annually)
 - Lower transaction fees through nonprofit PayPal status
 - Increased donations (>\$1,000)
 - Receipt of a US Sailing grant supporting World Championship logistics

Administrative Updates

- Website enhancements and monitoring systems implemented
- 2025 had the highest membership levels in many years. 2026 membership has slightly decreased; however, total membership revenue increased due to higher-tier memberships

The report was well received with positive member feedback.

5. Regatta Report (Andrew)

Recent Results

- Can-Am Series completed successfully:
 - 1st: Chuck
 - 2nd: Alan Libel
 - 3rd: Tony

2027 Winter Series (Preliminary)

- Can-Am 1 & 2: Davis Island (January 19–22)
- Back-to-back event format without lay day

Season Planning Highlights

- Claggett Regatta (June)
- Summer regattas in Toronto and Rockport (Rockport identified as a priority event)
- Great Lakes series (Milwaukee, Chicago)
- Fall regatta at Tred Avon (October)

International Events

- 2026 Worlds: Sneek (limited participation expected)
- 2027 Worlds: Norway (near Oslo)
- 2027 North Americans: Erie, Pennsylvania

Key Discussion Items

- February regatta scheduling challenges (cost, duration)
 - Potential adjustments:
 - Shift later in February
 - Extend to a three-day format
 - Explore alignment with Charlotte Harbor Regatta
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6. Fleet Reports

Sandy Bay Fleet

- Invitational Regatta: July 10–12
- Hosting support available (housing and boat storage)

Midwest Fleet

- Participation doubled year-over-year
- Confirmed events:
 - Milwaukee One Design (Aug 1–2)
 - Chicago/Verve Cup (Aug 22–23)
- Additional regatta under consideration

Chesapeake Fleet

- Stable participation with strong engagement
 - High travel participation across regattas
 - Ongoing efforts to recruit new sailors and expand fleet
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7. Proposals

7.1 Investment of Excess Funds

- Proposal to place surplus funds into a time deposit (CD)
 - Ensures improved return while maintaining operating liquidity
 - **Approved unanimously**
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7.2 Sailing Analytics Platform

- Proposal to adopt a data analytics platform (~\$300 annually)

- Enables performance tracking and post-regatta analysis
 - Implementation to include structured usage and training
 - **Approved unanimously**
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7.3 Associate Membership Category

- Proposal to introduce a \$10/year non-voting membership
 - Intended for supporters, family, and volunteers
 - Requires bylaws amendment
 - **Approved unanimously**
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8. Elections

- **Secretary (2-year term):** Tyler elected
 - **Vice President:** Brian Bell elected
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9. Additional Business

- Discussion of new boat procurement (Ontario Yachts pricing pending)
 - Continued focus on improving participation, logistics, and member engagement
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10. Action Items

- **Tyler:**
 - Distribute meeting minutes
 - Implement analytics platform
 - Share updated boat pricing information
 - **Andrew:**
 - Evaluate February regatta scheduling options
 - Follow up on Charlotte Harbor Regatta coordination
 - Assess logistics for Victoria events
 - **Membership:**
 - Provide input on February scheduling
 - Indicate interest in upcoming regattas and logistics planning
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11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned upon motion and approval of attendees.